

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 466

By Johnson

A RESOLUTION to designate September 14, 2016, as "Star-Spangled Banner Day" in Tennessee.

WHEREAS, on September 14, 1814, in Baltimore, Maryland, at the Battle of Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, Francis Scott Key witnessed the bombardment of Fort McHenry while being held on a ship; and

WHEREAS, the following morning, upon seeing the American flag still flying over Fort McHenry, Mr. Key was inspired to write a poem that was titled, "Defense of Fort M'Henry." This poem was later set to music and renamed "The Star-Spangled Banner"; and

WHEREAS, by Congressional Resolution signed by President Herbert Hoover, "The Star-Spangled Banner" became the national anthem of the United States of America on March 3, 1931; and

WHEREAS, it is very appropriate that the General Assembly specially commemorate that historic day which brought forth the song that proudly represents the home of the free and the brave; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby designate September 14, 2016, as "Star-Spangled Banner Day" in Tennessee and join with our fellow citizens as they celebrate this patriotic occasion across the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.